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Good Afternoon,

We would like to update you on the district's current COVID situation. As of today, three (3) staff members at the Elementary School have tested positive for coronavirus. We have been in contact with the Hunterdon County Health Department and all contact tracing has been completed. If you have not been contacted by the health department or the school nurse, your child was not considered a close contact of the positive staff members and does not need to quarantine.

Moving forward, please be aware that, as per the health department guidelines, if the district is notified of any positive COVID case after 4:30pm, the school will be completely virtual the following day in order for contact tracing to be completed. If it is determined that your child has been in close contact with the person testing positive, the health department, or one of our school nurses, will reach out to you within 24 hours and provide you with quarantine instructions. *Again, if you are not contacted in that period, then your child was not identified as being in contact with the person testing positive and you do not need to take any additional measures.* If you are given quarantine instructions, your child will need to stay home for any in-person instructional days during the quarantine period, starting with the date of exposure. Your child will have full access to our virtual instructional program during this time.

Please note that these three (3) cases are the only ones that we are aware of that have affected our schools so far. While we have been informed over the past several weeks that three (3) students have tested positive, these cases had no impact on the school as they were all family related exposure and students were not in the building during any point that would have caused possible exposure to others.

Our custodial staff continues to be diligent and follow all CDC cleaning and disinfecting guidelines and, as an extra precaution, completed additional disinfecting while the building was closed yesterday. Due to the effect on staffing, the school was closed today in order to assure proper coverage for our students.

We hope that this eases some of your concerns. Please reach out to the school with any further questions or concerns or if you or your child has a confirmed or possible case of coronavirus.

Thank you.

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